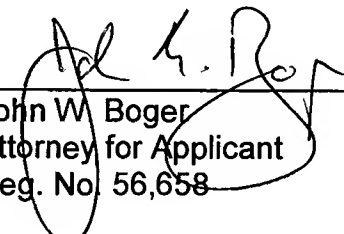


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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the April 21, 2009 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment in connection with the above-identified U.S. patent application. The one-month period for response to this Notice expires May 21, 2009. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, only the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment is attached herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.